Brief Reviews of Important and Interesting

New Publications If we remember rightly it is Mr. Le Gallienne who has told us that we are never safe from romance, but that she lurks continually in unexpected places. And now comes Mr. Charles Belmont Davis with a series of short and simple stories issued under the title, "The Bo land of Society" (Stone), to prove that the truism is actually true. Those careless, casual persons who think of romance as necessarily as-sociated with point lace and diamonds, waving ginmes and stashing swords, and all that kind thing, might never have known of the possibilities of pathos and chivalry and simple percism that lurk in the unmviting atmosphere of the dime museum, and might never have dreamt of the things of which a freak is capable, had it not been for the disinterested efforts of Mr. Davis. In one of these ingenuous tales, "The Freak's Midsummer Night's Dream," this author tells the story of a loyal living skeleton, a gay and innocent young temale snake charmer and an utterly contemptible strong man. Young Hobart Peck-ham was the living skeleton, and, though he measured but about eighteen inches round the chest, he had a great, big heart. Whatever surgeons and scientific persons may have said as to the merely physiclogical situation of that necessary organ his conduct proved that, metaphorically, at least, his great big heart was in the right place. He loved young Maobi, the fair but fickle female snake charmer, and loved her so devotedly that on one occasion, when looking at her, he "became peculiarly conscious, and a light pink fush gradually rose up from under his collar and diffused itself over his tightly drawn yellow face." It is but fair to say that this light pink flush was partly due to Hobart Peckham's disapproval of certain ribald remarks let fall by Abe Lovell, who had neither arms nor legs, but who earned \$25 a week by cutting out little wooden anchors with a penknife. At first the living skeleton's love was unrequited, and, fascinated by the figure of the strong man and, woman-like, ignoring the obvious fact that the iron balls he juggled with were hollow and not as heavy as the gentle public thought them, the field snake charmer cast the eye of affection on this sorry hero and left young Hobart leckham to the tender mercies of the legless man. This philosopher's reflections on the marital misadventures of another living skeleton were of a kind calculated to drive any tender-hearted freak to drink. He told young Hobart gruesome tales, such as that of Billy Ratcliffe, who was the best skeleton in the business, but who was most abominably treated by the woman in whom he put his trust. And all the while the snake charmer flirted with the strong man before young Hobart's very eyes. But here, for a moment, we must let Mr. Charles Belmont Davis loose, to tell his harrowing tale through the medium of the legless man. "Poor Billy," said that saturnine philosopher, "he was a great favorite with the ladies, but he never cared for but the one that killed him. He died of a broken heart. She was a fine blonds, too. He met her from the platform and married her a week later at her home in Harlem. They were ery happy for a time, and then she took up with a ticket chopper on the elevated road and Ratcliffe pined away and died. She certainly did treat him rough. You see, Billy couldn' walk by himself, as his legs weren't big enough to carry him; so when the ticket chopper had finished his work he would come under the window and whistle, and the blond woman would lift Billy out of his chair and lay him on his back on the floor while she went out. Billy used to lie there

on his back, for all the world like a turtle, and

kick and hollow for help, but the neighbors got

used to it, and never gave him no heed." Small wonder that poor Billy broke his heart! And

what will be the feelings of any tender-hearted

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reader when he learns that the bad blond woman and the wicked ticket chopper mort-saged poor Billy's bones to a hospital for \$1,500, and ran away and spent the money in rictous living? Small wonder, too, that at such a tale as this that light pink flush rose gradually up from under young Hobart's collar. Or that, thinking possibly of what might some day happen to himself, the akeleton felt his great heart grow sore within him, and "looked on the big frame of the strong man and cursed the God who had made him

what he was." Meanwhile Maobi, in a low-necked and short sleeved blue silk dress, with black satin trimmings, is daintily dipping her snakes in a tub of lukewarm water. Suddenly a woman's shrick rings through the vasty halls of the dime museum, and—almost ere the reader knows just what has happened—behold young Hobart Peckham down on his knees, sucking the poison from a wound in the fair girl's finger; while she, alas, still looks lovingly at the strong man. That sorry here, we need scarcely state, sits heavily in his chair and doesn't do a thing but look frightened.

"My God, girl," he said at length, "tell me how

'You get a hack," said the girl. And so the strong man rushed out into the prowded street, knocked over a small boy and used some highly unbecoming language. Young Hobart Peckham, on the other hand, preserve an admirable self-control, and took the girl to see the nearest doctor and even in the rush and bustle of this strenuous tale, Mr. Charles Belmont Davis finds time to tell us that the physiclan wore a black frock coat and a white lawn tie and was visibly suffering from the effects of the extreme heat incidental to a New York

summer day. At this point the narrator seems to grow somewhat feverish and confused, though the eader is left with the impression that poor "What she needs," Maobi is in a bad way. says the strong man, "is some fresh country air." And so young Hobart tiptoed gently to air." And so young notare tipoed gently to the sick girl's side and laid his thin hand lightly on her hair. "It'll all come right, little girl," he whispered, "it'll all come right." And then he, too, went out and sold his bones to the nearest hospital. But Maobi, having got the money, went off with the strong man, and Hobart Peckham, clad insufficiently in a suit of red worsted tights, set out through the crowded streets to follow them.

Not a breath stirred; the hot air from the river ficated up the narrow streets and was wafted slowly and marcilesaly into the open windows of the highbuilt houses. An eccasional man trudged wearily over the baked pavements.

Heeding neither the hot air nor the highbuilt nouses, nor the baked pavement, nor even the occasional man, the skeleton sped on. The slevated trains rushed quickly by, and they rushed by overhead, in their customary and unruaned by overhead, in their dustomary and un-emotional way; all the noises of the street kept right on making themselves heard, and still the skeleton sped on. At last he reached the river, and for a moment thought of suicide. But honesty forbade. "I've no right to," he murmured. "I've no right to. It wouldn't be tale to the hospital." fair to the hospital."

At just about this point the skeleton and Mr. Davis both wake up, and the reader learns that it has all been a dream. Young Hobart is lying in the doctor's room, and over him stand Maobi and the physician with the white tie.

A few minutes later Maobi and the skeleton were driving back in their hired carriage.
"So I didn't sell my bones, and—and you didn't leave me, after all, did you?" said the skeleton. "Leave you?" said Masbi. "I guess not. We're

And although the sun was shining and the carriage was quite open, she held his hand in the one which had not been stung for at least a minute.

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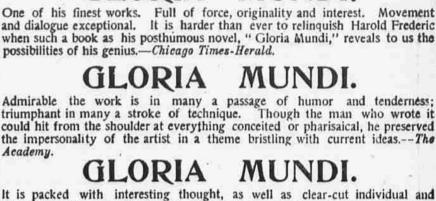
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